

MONTANA



1986 BLACK BEAR HUNTING REGULATIONS

BLACK BEAR —

Conservation License (Prerequisite).....	\$ 2.00
Resident Black Bear	\$ 8.00
Nonresident Black Bear	\$100.00

A black bear tag is included on the Montana Resident Sportsman License and Nonresident \$350.00 Combination Big Game, Bird and Fishing License.

Permission to Hunt — Montana law requires that big game hunters must have permission of the landowner, lessee or their agent before hunting big game animals on private property, even if the land is not posted.

Game Limits — No person may kill more than one game animal of any one species in any one license year, unless otherwise specified.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements — Any person taking a black bear must present or contact for presentation the head to a department official within 10 days of the date of kill, for removal of premolar which will be used to determine the bear's age.

Required Clothing Color — With the exception of archers during special archery seasons, any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times.

Hunting Hours — Authorized hunting hours for the taking of big game animals shall be one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See official sunrise-sunset table on page 7 of the Big Game Regulations.

Baiting — It is illegal to bait bears or to hunt bears with dogs.

BLACK BEAR HUNTING DISTRICTS



**CLOSED TO ALL
BEAR HUNTING**



**GENERAL RANGE OF
GRIZZLIES IN MONTANA**

GRIZZLY BEAR

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BLACK BEAR — GENERAL SEASON

- All black bear licenses are valid for the specified districts, seasons and sex as listed below.
- Hunters may legally take one black bear per license year.
- Cub bears or female bears with cubs may not be taken. Cubs are defined as young of the year.
- The black bear license and tag must be attached to the hide immediately upon kill.
- Areas closed to black bear hunting:
 - 1) All state Game Preserves
 - 2) All hunting districts beginning with the number 6 and 7
 - 3) Gallatin Closed Area (boundary description on page 8 of the Legal Descriptions)

100 Series Districts — General Seasons

Apr. 15 - May 31	Either Sex
Sept. 6 - Nov. 30	Either Sex

Exceptions by hunting district

100 } Apr. 15 - May 15	Either Sex
101 } Sept. 6 - Nov. 30	Either Sex
103 }	

200 Series Districts — General Seasons

Apr. 15 - May 31	Either Sex
Sept. 6 - Nov. 30	Either Sex

Exceptions by hunting district

204	Threemile Wildlife Management Area Only	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 6 - Nov. 30	Either Sex Either Sex
261	Calf Creek Wildlife Management Area Only	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 6 - Nov. 30	Either Sex Either Sex
282	Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 6 - Nov. 9	Either Sex Either Sex
284	Open to black bear hunting by archery only		
293	Nevada Lake Wildlife Management Area Only	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 6 - Nov. 30	Either Sex Either Sex

300 Series Districts — General Seasons

Apr. 15 - June 15	Either Sex
Oct. 26 - Nov. 30	Either Sex

Gallatin Closed Area - No black bear hunting authorized.

Exceptions by hunting district

316	Apr. 15 - June 15	Either Sex
	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Either Sex

400 Series Districts — General Seasons

Apr. 15 - Nov. 30	Either Sex
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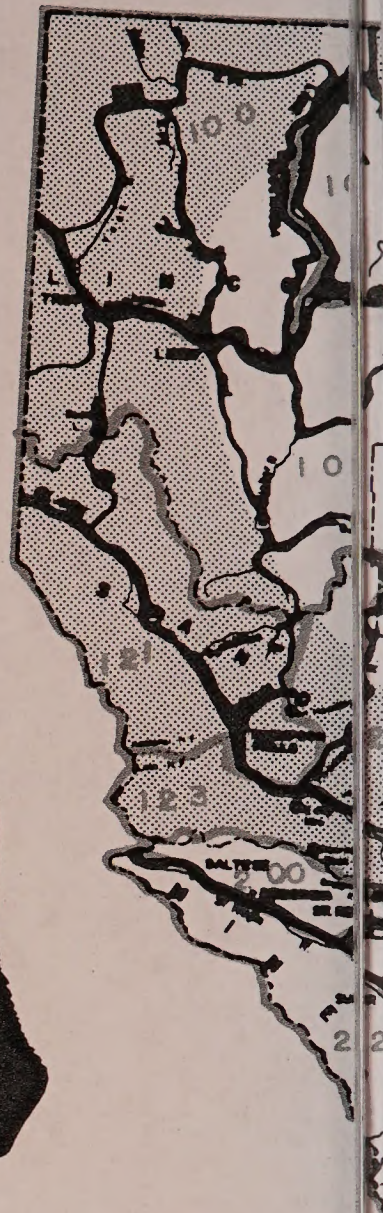
Exceptions by hunting district

420	Judith River Wildlife Management Area Only	May 15 - Nov. 30	Either Sex
425	Sun River Wildlife Management Area Only	May 15 - Nov. 30	Either Sex
427	Closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in hunting district 442 is reached or November 30, 1986, whichever occurs first.		
428	Closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in hunting district 424 is reached or November 30, 1986, whichever occurs first.		
441	Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area Only	May 15 - Nov. 30	Either Sex
442	Ear Mountain Wildlife Management Area Only	May 15 - Nov. 30	Either Sex
455	Beartooth Wildlife Management Area Only	May 15 - Nov. 30	Either Sex

500 Series Districts — General Seasons

Apr. 15 - May 31	Either Sex
Sept. 6 - Nov. 30	Either Sex

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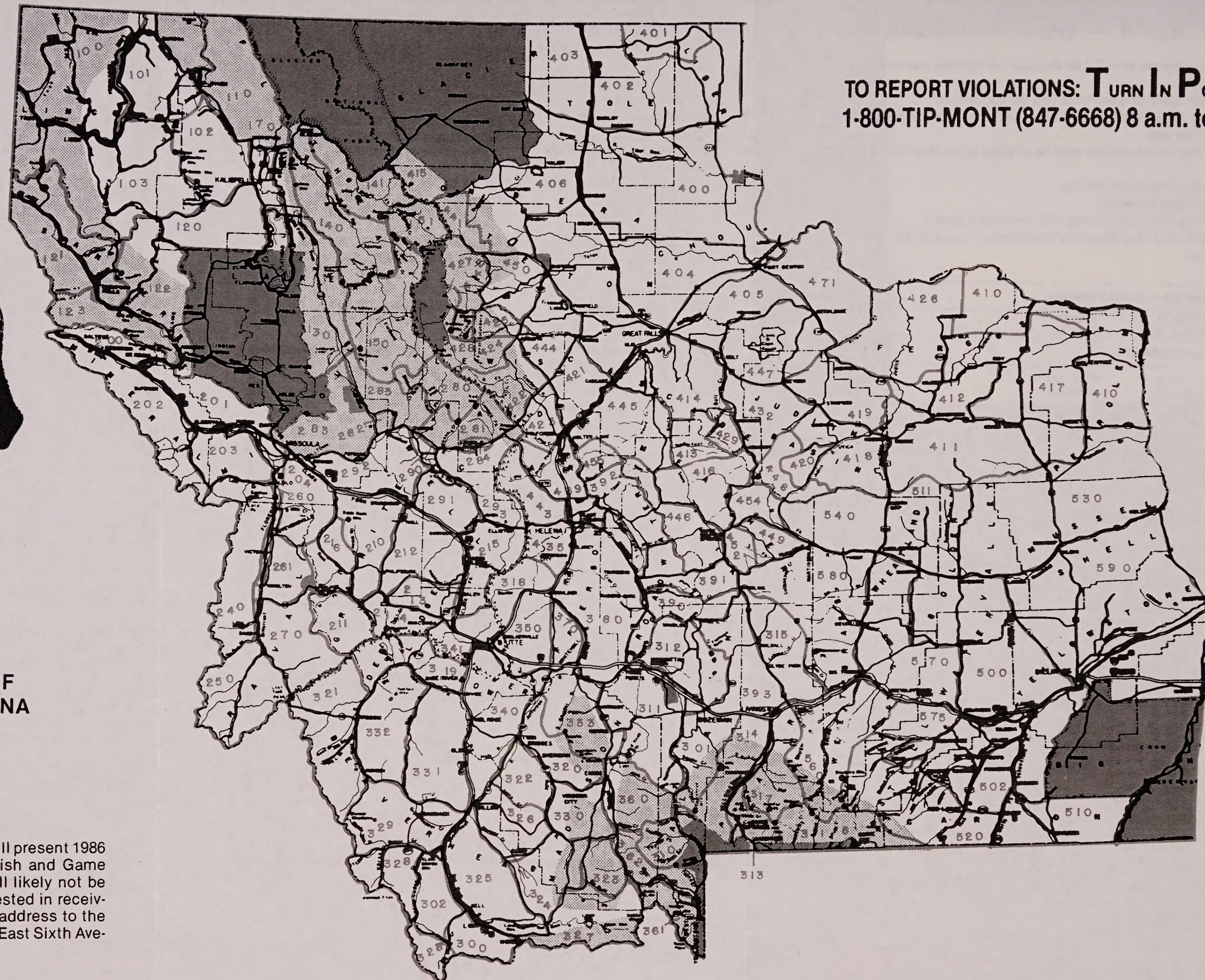
TO REPORT VIOLATIONS: **T**URN **I**N **P**OACHERS
1-800-TIP-MONT (847-6668) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLACK BEAR SPECIAL ARCHERY SEASON

General Season

- Archery only hunting for black bear shall be open September 6 - October 11, 1986, in all 300 series districts and hunting district 284.
- License valid for either sex. Female bears with cubs may not be taken.
- An archery stamp in addition to the proper hunting license is required of all hunters during special archery seasons. Persons hunting with bow and arrow during the "gun season" do not need an archery stamp.
- During special archery seasons, only long bows and arrows (including compound bows, but not crossbows) may be used.

Exceptions:

- 1) Hunting District 316 and 324 - No special archery season
- 2) Gallatin Closed Area - No black bear hunting authorized

BEAR HUNTERS—Know Your Target!

Look for a combination of characteristics

Straight
face
profile

No hump

Shorter,
darker
claws

BLACK BEAR

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face
profile

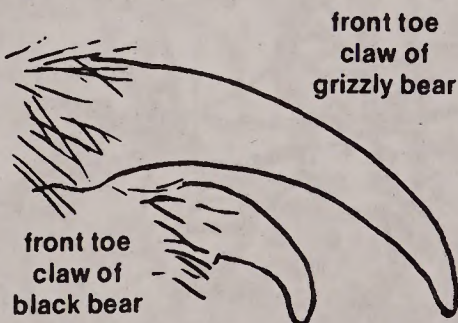
Hump

Ruff of long
hair in spring
and fall

Long,
lighter
claws

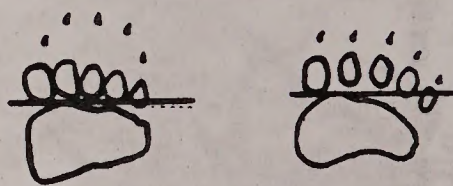
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Color and size are sometimes misleading

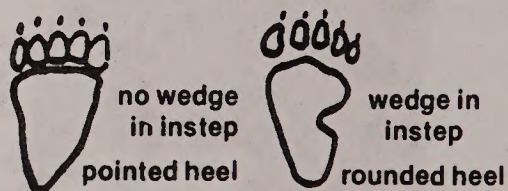


Claws of adult grizzlies are rarely less than 1¾" long. Claws of black bears seldom exceed 1½".

Grizzly front foot Black



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Be Sure Before You Shoot!!!

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